Rough Field Notes - Misc

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mean> ~~water~~ clear water flowing

When child is born his father gives him a baby name. When F can afford it buying from a week to several years he calls friends, give away blankets and change name.

Bobby woody first q alm

Father can still use name — this is a family name, no other can use it

When Bobby about 15 years old. Father gathered skins, blankets etc to buy q u t smt ai x name. All village comes to witness. Joshua gave 300 blankets. Bobby dance.

Five or 6 years grass. Bobby father walks Joshua helps. Big presents this time. All people sit down. Bobby helped by his father Joshua told seven story. Joshua then called Bobby, Samuel. Bobby > and Samuel with people make presents. Dance and sing. Special friend man cuts hand rubs blood on face. Leg, chest, face.

mean> good prospects

Samuel Joshua take am (Copper man)

At the first there was no earth, and all was darkness. This was the place of the sun. Then the sun came and he thought to himself that it was wrong for the people to be in darkness and he had seen a light previously up above; before he had come down. He went up to the head man above ɛo'ʔq v·nʔtam (eth'ʔq'unk'tam = commander) and when he got up there the man had a daughter and she soon decided to turn herself into a piece of dust and go into her cup. But she saw it fall in the cup, took it out and threw it away. After that she went into a hemlock leaf, and again went into cup —— she threw him out once more. The third time he turned himself into twist, then she swallowed and drank it down. In a few days she grew up unsleeping day, and soon he was born. His father had no objection, even though there was no husband. He grew up rapidly in a few days, and as soon as he began to speak he wanted all kinds of toys. In front of the house they hung a shining ball, called daylight. The

little boy wanted to play with this, but grandfather refused. The little boy almost killed himself crying. Grandfather finally let him have it, and put things on floor to prevent daylight from hitting walls. The little boy was watching the door and when the door opened he picked daylight up and ran outside, and broke it up. When he got outside, and turned back into raven — then he flew away as raven. Then it became daylight and day and night followed. In the beginning the salt water was in the east of Bella Coola, and when this was so many people were drowned, the Raven thought this was not up to, so he turned it around as it is now. Salt-water signs, two salt-water canoes with paddles etc are said to be in interior, Joshua's H saw them, —— Joshua ends story.

These canoes are on mountain-side, relic of time when sea was in old place. Canoes have changed to stone, every detail exact. Before it was

above
turned round, the people from ~~the outside~~
were coming down in canoes on a raid, and
were coming by place where canoes are now
the people pulled canoes of invaders ashore
and said they would be changed to stone.
By power of ~~[illegible]~~ st'la'qua'ix, the canoes
were turned. " later turned into
mountain. Mountain was house for st, he
lived inside, now mountain called after him.
Further in inlet there is a lake, with low
but straight edges. People from Bella Coola
used to be poached up there when sick, dipped
in, and they get better. On the head
end of lake is a rock, on side of lake, three
men have died from there — none came back.
The end unlucky. There was a man tried it, first
first, with Cedar bark tied round chest, he
never came back. This man was sick when he
went down, when he went down he got on
roof of smoke-house, walked around on top
under water, - and 4th time he went down
when he came up he was better. He walked
back to Bella Coola then afterwards very

body wore dyed cedar bark wrench chest & dwid feet first. They were all able to feel the house.

The Stick Indians used to come this way killing anybody they could. The people from here decided to join together and retaliate. They had to go through a narrow path below the lake, then they rested on edge. Then they all bathed in lake, and prayed to the water to give them power. It was a bright day. In those days all wore long hair. They were lying on grass at lake side dryby hair. In the lake a house, the size of the lake gradually floated up till it came to usual light. Each man saw what he was going to do, inside the house, his future trade, but each saw only one ~~to~~ and the whole story of his life. Then the house began to sink gradually. Later on sick people went and felt it with their feet. The party went on, and their enemies were powerless, no Bella Coola was killed.

Just before reaching the lake there is a stone pile. Near it is a pile of rocks, dark red, like squared, sawed bricks, piled up on each other to a height of 3 or 4 feet, (the bricks are about 8in by 6in by 6in) dotted here and there irregularly. If man wishes to know length of his life he takes a stick, tries to poke out a stone, if he can do so without tipping the stone he will have long life. Another sign of long life is when the pile sways back & forth, and squeaks like old leather. When a man's life is to be short the pile tumbles down. By the time they return to place after hunt in interior, rock is piled up again. Nobody has ever seen anyone pick up bricks. Stones fall longish distance as hillside. Once 4 Stick Indians came down and along lake came to rock, which is man guardian of lake. These 4 Indians took sticks, poked under rocks and asked why rock did not show us if you have power to do so. They made fun of rock, which had not shown power. When the